

# CRIME, CHILDREN AND COMMUNISM

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or where they spend their time." He cited the Chicago youth who set fire to a tenement house, causing 11 deaths. Later, it was learned he had collected comic books dealing with arson.

Mr. Bobo pointed out that a number of psychologists, who have written approvingly of comic books, have been found to be on the payroll of the comic book industry. He feels that parents must take the lead, and that "religion must play a great part in stemming the tide of juvenile delinquency." In this regard, he said, "the Catholic Church is doing a tremendous amount of good."

Senator William A. Purtell of Connecticut, spoke out quite plainly against printed filth, saying: "Ten cents will buy your child a short course in murder, mayhem, robbery, rape and worse." The sad thing is that the child does not have to look very far, for he can purchase such material in most drug stores, dime stores, confectionaries, many grocery stores, news-stands, and even in the lobbies of many public buildings. There is no escaping the tripe, for it can be found even in the smallest towns.

In addition to the pocket-sized novels and the comic books, there are available for all to purchase, the sordid-confession and true-story type magazines, which are educating our young people in the ways of lust; plus the movie and fan magazines, with their false idols and tin gods. According to the movie and fan magazines, the happiest people in the world are those with fame, fortune, glamour, handsome profiles,

issued strong warnings about the danger of filthy literature in comics, magazines, and the pocket-sized novels—but we didn't pay any attention.

Dr. Bella Dodd, once the nation's top woman Communist, has stated publicly, that Communist interests are financing 85% of the flood of insidious comic books in this country. Their aim to deprive children of worth-while reading materials, and to deprive them by filling them with thoughts of violence and gruesome injustice. Most of us tend to be skeptical of, or ignore, such statements, feeling all this won't effect our children.

Today, however, there is genuine cause for alarm, because of the rising tide of juvenile delinquency. Even our good, normal children are being hurt by the flood of indecent literature. We often refer to our youths as "The hope of tomorrow," telling them that "The future of America is in your hands." It might be well to ask, what hope is there for the future of this country, or for the youths themselves, if they are not raised as decent citizens. What kind of parents will they make? How can they be good future citizens or parents if they are raised on trash? It is a serious problem that should cause much soul-searching on the part of American parents.

## Women's and Picture Magazines

In the fight against immoral literature, many people overlook completely the great harm caused by many of our seemingly innocent, and widely accepted, women's and picture magazines, which are mailed into the homes and sold publicly everywhere. In many respects, these are far worse than the out and out sordid literature, because their approach is far more clever. In many cases, these will make frequent use of actual truths and half-truths to get over "the big lie." This may seem incredible, so we invite the readers of this article to make a little test for themselves, to see the truth of this statement.

Mothers and housewives should take a look through back copies, or future issues, of the most popular women's and digest magazines that enter the home. See how many will have fine articles of general interest, stories that are apparently harmless, and even excellent treatises on religious truths. In the midst of all these, how often is there not included an article with, perhaps, the caption, "Is Chastity Outmoded?" Such an article, usually is written by two doctors, (?), one giving his views for, and the other against, the subject discussed. The article is very well written. Both cases will be presented quite logically, and the reader seemingly is left to make her own decision as to which is correct.

Many find themselves accepting the views against chastity, because the clever appeal is made to the natural instincts.

Even worse, are the picture magazines which have become so popular within the past 15 years. Any layman has but to pick up back copies, or perhaps the current issue within arm's reach. There, he may find several pages devoted to an excellent article by some prominent layman, or Church official. There may be several pages of beautiful religious masterpieces, Madonnas, churches, etc.—all very Christian and very impressive. However, on the very next page, he may find a page of pin-up or beauty queens, or an article glorifying burlesque. He may find pictures of practically naked women in some grotesque dance, or presented under the guise of art. What an insult to God. (It's like the many stores and news-stands that openly sell filthy literature, and right alongside they have for sale, pictures or statues of Jesus. What a mockery.) But because these lewd pictures may be presented in our favorite magazine, which is so fair to religion, we apparently see nothing wrong in them, and look at them as part of American life. What fools we be. Oh the harm done by such pictures.

## American Pin-Up Craze

In our country, the pin-up girl has become an American symbol of all that is worth having in life. We have developed a "cheese-cake mentality." Such pictures surround us everywhere. They are used frequently in our daily newspapers and many of our magazines. They are sent in great numbers to our "men" (in their late-teens) in the service, to line the walls of their barracks. Such pictures are supposed to "inspire" our soldiers in their lonely hours, that this is what they are fighting for. Such pictures are supposed to be taken in the fox-holes to give them encouragement to charge against the enemy—and possibly die. What a way to appear before the Judgment Throne — with a pin-up girl as a passport to eternity.

## Offset the Bad with Good

Let's face it. If we lived in an area where we had only one newspaper, with no other contact with the outside world, and no access to truth, we would have no choice but to believe what appeared in the newspaper, whether it was true or not. We would have no way of knowing or proving things were otherwise than reported.

Sad to say, many publishers of newspapers in this country, well realizing the power of the press, have not hesitated to misplace the trust their readers have placed in them. For example, the American press for years has tried to make us believe Spain was a criminal nation, and Franco a ruthless dictator, because it served "special interests" to have us believe this. Within the past few years, however, the truth has begun to seep through, and people are realizing the "lie" that was foisted on them. Many who formerly opposed Spain, realize that nation may be our last bastion of strength against Communism in Europe. Many papers have made an "about-face" and are telling us nice things about Spain, because we may need its help.

From this, we see that the policy of the propagandists is to keep the truth from the people, and keep repeating the lie until it is believed. Usually, one of the first moves of an evil dictator or government, is to sack the libraries, and destroy all books that do not serve their interests—books that may keep "faith in God" alive in the hearts of the people. Even in our supposedly "free" nation, we see examples of this. In many public schools, the Bible is not allowed to be read, the name of God not permitted to be mentioned, religious education not permitted because of the so-called battle to maintain separation of Church and State. Perhaps the real

## BOY, 17, SHOT IN TEEN GANG WAR

Thrill Killers See Body, Break



The Thrill is Gone.

and good-looking husbands or wives—in other words, the Hollywood, Broadway and television stars. What a laugh. You have but to read the public record to see how few of these very people, who seem to have everything, really have nothing—least of all, true peace or lasting happiness. For the most part, theirs are bitter and lonely lives, because they are centered on themselves, and God is left out. This, however, does not keep many of our young boys and girls from trying to follow the same unhappy, and often sipritually disastrous path, because of the drivel they read in some the movie and fan magazines.

## We Have Missed the Boat

Today, there is a great hue and cry about the danger of bad comic books, and other literature. Almost every day you can read in the religious and secular papers of this or that group, which has organized a campaign to rid the stores and news-stands of objectionable magazines and comic books. City officials and others in higher authority are joining in the fight. All this action is commendable, and should be continued. Unfortunately, however, it comes much too late—for the great damage to the minds and souls of millions of our children, already has been done. It's like locking the barn after the horse has been stolen. We have missed the boat.

More than 15 years ago, J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, asserted that "the increasing number of sex crimes is due precisely to sex literature madly presented in certain magazines. Filthy literature is the great moron maker. It is creating criminals faster than the jails can be built." How sad, but how true. Time and again, Mr. Hoover has

## 4 BOYS CONFESS MURDER SPREE

Slew 2 for Thrills, Whipped Girls



Committed Murder for Fun.

reason is because there are many who are afraid of truth, for they know, "The truth shall make you free."

Therefore, it is absolutely necessary in our battle against filthy literature, not only to remove that which is harmful to the faith and morals of our children, but, also, to keep before them the truth. In other words, the void created by banishing evil literature must be filled with that which is good. Otherwise, we will have labored in vain, in campaigning against indecent literature. Our children must have something to occupy their minds, to stir their imaginations. If we do not give them that which is good, they will—because of fallen human nature—seek that which is evil.

## Select Reading Material Like Food

If we Christian parents are not interested enough in the welfare of our children to save them from the influence of evil literature, and give them the truth necessary for the salvation of their souls, then we might as well admit we have lost the battle right now; and it's only a question of time as to when the Communists and the devil will take control of us — the Communists our country, the devil our souls, and the souls of our children.

We parents have a moral obligation to view the reading material of our children, not only to remove that which is not good, but, also, to supply worthwhile substitutes. First, however, we have a duty to ourselves. We must "graduate" from the pagan, secular type of reading which may fill our own leisure time. We certainly are not going to be concerned about the reading material of our children, if we, ourselves, are addicted to the same type of trash. We must

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